



Have You Heard?

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Food Safety For Bazaars And Bake Sales

This is the time of the year that many different organizations raise money through bazaars and bake sales. Food safety should be of the utmost importance if your organization is planning to raise money by selling food. Here are some suggestions to keep your bazaar or bake sale safe. Please read carefully.

Check with your local public health department to learn about any pertinent rules and regulations.

Some foods such as custards and cream-filled baked goods, soft cheeses and shellfish should not be sold because of hazards involved if they are mishandled.

Products made from raw milk, cracked or dirty eggs, or home butchered meats should not be sold.

Only jams, jellies or pickles that have been processed in a boiling water bath should be sold. If they have been open-kettle canned, they should not be accepted for sale. This includes jellies sealed with paraffin.

Home canned vegetables, meats, poultry and fish products should never be sold. Prepared

dishes including these foods should never be sold.

All food should be labeled with the contributor's name and address in case problems develop, public health officials can identify the cause and avoid more illness.

Cover foods to protect from dust, contamination and direct contact with hands or fingers. Use plastic gloves to handle food.

Utensils used where food is transferred must be clean and should not be moved from one food to another.

Food and money should be handled by different people.

People who are sick or have cuts or sores on their hands, face, or arms should not prepare or handle food in their homes or at bake sales. These people can help take money, clean up or handle any job that does not involve contact with food.

Ingredient labels are useful because more people are watching their diets for a variety of health related reasons. In fact a table of special diet foods may attract extra customers who are not used to finding these special foods at a bake sale.

Have a safe bazaar or bake sale — be scrupulous about safety, sanitation and consumer concerns.

Disaster Relief Auction Raises \$315,000

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A total of \$315,000 was raised at the 17th annual Church of the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction held on September 24 and 25 at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds. Proceeds from the auction benefit victims of disaster in the United States and around the world.

Thousands of people attended the two-day event sponsored by 112 Church of the Brethren congregations in the Atlantic Northeast and Southern Pennsylvania Districts.

The sale of 73 heifers on Friday

evening brought proceeds of \$78,000. On Saturday, 103 handmade quilts and wallhangings were sold ranging in price from \$100 to \$3,000, raising a total of \$52,590. Other special items were: an Abner Zook three-dimensional painting, \$7,100; a Reber Wagon, \$2,350; a Jay Buffenmyer model of the "Star Barn", \$1,400; a Gruber Wagon, \$1,550; a quilted Millport Roller Mills Feed Bag, \$875; and a Maple Tree and planting donated by Roots Nursery of Manheim, \$485.

A variety of new and used items

were also auctioned, including lawn and garden equipment, furniture, tools, baseball cards, and Winross trucks.

Donated fresh and home canned farm produce, baked goods including apple dumplings, 1,000 pies, and 95 dozen sticky buns were sold to benefit the auction. Other food items included 1,000 breakfasts using 2,300 scrambled eggs, 100 gallons of ham and bean and chicken corn soup, 2000 pounds of french fries; 1,000 hot dogs, and three roasted pigs.

Chili Cook Off Benefits Make-A-Wish Foundation

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Lancaster County will be holding a day of country/western extravaganza on Saturday, October 23, at the Mount Joy Liederkranz (formerly the Mount Joy American Legion) located on Chiques Road.

The day's activities will begin at noon with the Chili Cook Off, once again sponsored for Make-A-Wish by the Heartland Sertoma Club. Area "chefs" will be cooking up their prize-winning chili, competing for the \$500 grand prize to be donated to a charity of their choice. Four chili tastings will be offered for \$3 with the participants voting for their favorite recipe. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day, highlighted by a performance by The Susquehanna River Band at 3 p.m. Line dance instructions will be

offered as well as horse rides. For the chili non-lovers, hamburgers, hot dogs, and other foods will be available.

All proceeds from the day's events will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Lancaster County, a non-profit charity granting wishes to children between the

ages 2½ and 18, suffering from a life-threatening medical condition. Make-A-Wish Foundation of Lancaster County serves children in Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties.

For tickets and more information, contact the Make-A-Wish office at (717) 392-3840.

Gift Workshop

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — On Monday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m., Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County will host a holiday crafts program. Charity Rinker, president of the Home Economics Advisory Council will guide participants in making easy country crafts and holiday gifts. Refreshments will

be served.

A \$6 fee will be charged to cover cost of materials and handouts. Checks made payable to "Home Ec Advisory Council" should be mailed, along with your name and daytime phone number to Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Home Economics Advisory Council, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington, NJ 08822.

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